

REFERENCE TITLE: **Arizona career pathways initiative**

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Introduced by
Senators Bee, Aboud, O'Halleran; Representative Burns J: Senator Allen;
Representatives Hershberger, Reagan

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 10, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5;
RELATING TO THE ARIZONA CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 by adding article 5, to read:

4 ARTICLE 5. ARIZONA CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

5 41-1551. Definitions

6 IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 1. "INITIATIVE" MEANS THE ARIZONA CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE PROGRAM
8 THAT IS ESTABLISHED BY THIS ARTICLE.

9 2. "LABOR MARKET INTERMEDIARY" MEANS A NONPROFIT, NONGOVERNMENTAL
10 CORPORATION THAT IS ESTABLISHED IN THIS STATE, THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR
11 MOTIVATED ADULTS SEEKING SKILLS TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT IN FIELDS WITH
12 CRITICAL SHORTAGES OF EMPLOYEES AND THAT COOPERATES WITH EMPLOYERS TO
13 IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC SKILLS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS.

14 41-1551.01. Establishment of Arizona career pathways initiative
15 program

16 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH THE ARIZONA CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE
17 PROGRAM. THE INITIATIVE SHALL COOPERATE WITH LABOR MARKET INTERMEDIARIES TO
18 DELIVER POSTSECONDARY TRAINING TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME, UNDER SKILLED
19 ADULTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYMENT IN FIELDS WITH CRITICAL SHORTAGES OF
20 EMPLOYEES.

21 41-1551.02. Requirements of labor market intermediary: award of
22 contracts; report

23 A. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ACT AS A LABOR MARKET INTERMEDIARY PURSUANT TO
24 THIS ARTICLE, THE INTERMEDIARY MUST:

25 1. HAVE A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH EMPLOYER GROUPS THAT HAVE JOB
26 NEEDS.

27 2. HAVE A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS
28 COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

29 3. PROVIDE BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING.

30 4. PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS.

31 5. DEMONSTRATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING
32 RECRUITMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS.

33 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

34 1. REQUEST PROPOSALS FROM LABOR MARKET INTERMEDIARIES TO IMPLEMENT THE
35 INITIATIVE.

36 2. AWARD CONTRACTS TO THOSE LABOR MARKET INTERMEDIARIES THAT HAVE
37 DEMONSTRATED:

38 (a) SUCCESS IN OBTAINING GENERAL FUND MONIES FROM EITHER ONE OR MORE
39 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES OF THIS STATE OR FROM ONE OR MORE PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS.

40 (b) A NEED FROM EMPLOYERS OF THIS STATE FOR GRADUATES IN EACH
41 EMPLOYMENT FIELD IDENTIFIED.

1 C. AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH CONTRACT, A LABOR MARKET INTERMEDIARY
2 THAT OBTAINS MONIES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL ISSUE A REPORT TO THE
3 DIRECTOR DETAILING THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF TRAINING RECEIVED BY STUDENTS AND
4 THE STUDENT'S SUCCESS IN OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT.

5 41-1551.03. Program termination

6 THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THIS ARTICLE ENDS ON JULY 1, 2018 PURSUANT
7 TO SECTION 41-3102.